



School Holiday Schedule 2016/2017

2016

School Starts	Re-Open	Tuesday	6 September
Half Term	Close	Thursday	20 October
	Re-Open	Monday	31 October
Christmas	Close	Friday	16 December

2017

Christmas	Re-open	Tuesday	3 January
Half Term	Close	Friday	17 February
	Re-Open	Monday	27 February
Easter	Close	Friday	7 April
	Re-Open	Monday	24 April
May Day	Closed	Monday	1 May
Spring Bank	Close	Thursday	25 May
	Re-Open	Monday	5 June
Summer	Close	Friday	21 July

The Local Education Authority is required to monitor the absence records of each school. Time off school for family holidays is not a parental right and St James' Church Primary School is highly unlikely to authorise any holiday taken during term time.

If Leave of Absence is taken without permission or the school's authorisation, parents run the risk of a referral to Education Social Work Service being made and a Penalty Notice Fine being issued. This is £60 per parent per child payable within 28 days. If this fine is not paid it then doubles to £120 per parent per child payable within 14 days. This is in line with National guidance.

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It is important that children attend school regularly if they are to benefit from the learning opportunities provided. Children who are absent from school due to holiday in term time will miss out on important learning.

- **Leave of absence for a child who at the time of request has an attendance below 95% will not be authorised**
- **Absence over 10 days will not be authorised.**
- **Except in exceptional circumstances (an event that cannot be pre-planned e.g. bereavement), a pupil will not be granted more than 10 days leave of absence in any school year.**
- **If a pupil does not return on the agreed return date, their name could be removed from roll and a referral made to the Education Social Work Service.**
- **No leave of absence will be granted during standard attainment tests. It must be noted that the Key Stage One and Key Stage Two National Test (S.A.T.s) take place during May. Many annual school based assessments also take place during the month of May each year. It is vital that children are in school for these tests**
- **No leave of absence will be granted during the first four weeks of a new academic year.**

A copy of the Leave of Absence during term time policy is available on the school website. www.stjameschurch.bradford.sch.uk